GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF STAMP PAPERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is a shortage of adhesive stamps of denominations upto Rs.5/- and other stamp papers in Southern States and particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to open a unit of Central Security Press in Mysore to print such stamps to tide over the shortage of stamp papers in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the other alternative steps have been taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) The Government has not received any complaint from the Treasuries of Southern States including Karnataka regarding shortage of stamp papers. There is, however, some shortage of adhesive stamps of denominations upto Rs. 5 in some of the Southern States.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The capacity of the India Security Press (ISP), Nashik to print adhesive stamps has been recently upgraded with the installation of two sophisticated printing presses. These new machines have been installed to meet the complete demand for adhesive stamps in the country.